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RE:

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.41 (c), I am filing the attached application with 16 claims, 2 sheets of drawings and filing fee on behalf of VOLKER HAHMANN, et al. and request that the application papers be assigned a serial number and filing date.

On behalf of the Inventor(s) I hereby claim priority from German application No. 10110258.5, Filed March 2, 2001.

I request that the application be assigned a Serial No. and Filing Date pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.53(b) and 37 CFR § 1.53(f).

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